

### **Mayor's Latino Advisory Board**

The following are accomplishments/Actions taken in the 3 years as Mayor:

- Hired a diverse staff to reflect the diversity of the City.
- Established the Latino Advisory Board.
- Voted in opposition to an air-cargo airport at Brownfield.
- Allocated \$50,000 to initiate a mini-pilot lead hazard prevention program in Sherman Heights/Logan Heights. This allocation secured a \$1.8 million grant from HUD to expand this program.
- In 2002, contributed \$10,000, for a security system for the Centro Cultural de la Raza, after the murals at the Centro and Chicano Park were vandalized. The Centro provides cultural education programs for youth and residents in the city.
- The San Diego City Council and the Mayor committed to the Chollas Creek Enhancement Improvement Project. As part of the Mayor's goal to "Clean-up our beaches and Bays" the City is a partner in an effort to restore Chollas Creek to its natural state. This project will remove concrete channels and restore them to native vegetation. This thirty mile Chollas Creek project originates in La Mesa and runs through Southcrest and Barrio Logan before spilling into the bay.
- As a member of SANDAG, the Mayor voted to protect the neighborhoods in Barrio Logan, Logan Heights, Sherman Heights, and Golden Hill.
- As part of the revitalization efforts in Barrio Logan, the Mayor voted in favor of renaming Crosby Street to Cesar E. Chavez Parkway.
- In 2002, to address housing issues, the City Council and the Mayor voted in favor of declaring a Housing State of Emergency. The Mayor voted in favor of forming an Affordable Housing Taskforce, of consolidating the revenues of multiple redevelopment agencies for a single bond issuance to be spent on affordable housing, and in favor of a program that would expedite the processing of projects that provide affordable housing.
- Voted in favor of keeping community service centers open in the City of San Diego.
- Since the Mayor initiated the Urban Forest Initiative, and as part of the City's ongoing revitalization efforts, there have been many tree Plantings in the northern part of District 8. This includes many plantings in the following neighborhoods: Stockton, Sherman Heights, Logan Heights, and Barrio Logan.

- Committed to build a new library in Logan Heights by replacing the old library. The current library is 75 years old. This branch library is one of the first out of 24 branch libraries in the city. Additionally, the city successfully acquired \$5.35 million from the state to fund the construction of the new library. This library will replace the current 3,967 square foot library to a 25,000 square foot library.
- Voted in favor of the funding to upgrade the Grant Hill Neighborhood Park tot-lot and the construction of a new skate board park in the Stockton neighborhood.
- Voted in favor of the funding for the Sherman Heights Lighting project and sidewalk improvements, and the 25<sup>th</sup> Street (Sherman Heights/Golden Hill Walkable Communities Demonstration Project.
- To help with the creation of jobs and help San Diego's economy, the Mayor voted in favor of expanding the Metro Enterprise Zone and South Bay Enterprise Zone.
- In light of the current state of the economy, the Mayor voted in favor of maintaining funding for critical social service programs carried out by non-profit organizations such as the Barrio Station and the 6-to-6 After School Programs.
- Voted in favor of declaring a state of economic emergency in the San Diego border region.
- Supported funding for the Otay Mesa/Nestor Library upgrade, and the building of a new fire station in San Ysidro.
- In 2003, the Mayor initiated the formation of the Graffiti Strike Force to combat graffiti citywide. This program designated one expert patrol officer in each of the city council districts. The program has allowed detailed investigations and the ability for law enforcement to hold suspects accountable criminally and financially. This has resulted in 600% increase in arrest in taggers. This impact of this program has benefited many residents in Council District 8.
- On October 24, 2003, Mayor Murphy, County Supervisor Greg Cox and Tijuana Mayor Jesus Gonzalez met in Tijuana to sign the Binational Hazardous Materials Prevention and Emergency Response Plan. This was a plan between the County of San Diego, the City of San Diego and the City of Tijuana.

**Plans for 2004:**

- The Mayor supports the “City of Villages” concept in which one of the applicants is a group from San Ysidro community.
- The Mayor is committed to help the SENTRI lanes at the San Ysidro border crossing.